



NSO Time Use Survey 2024

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Why in News?

The [National Statistics Office \(NSO\)](#), under the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**, has released **Time Use Survey (TUS) 2024**, the second such nationwide survey after the first conducted in 2019.

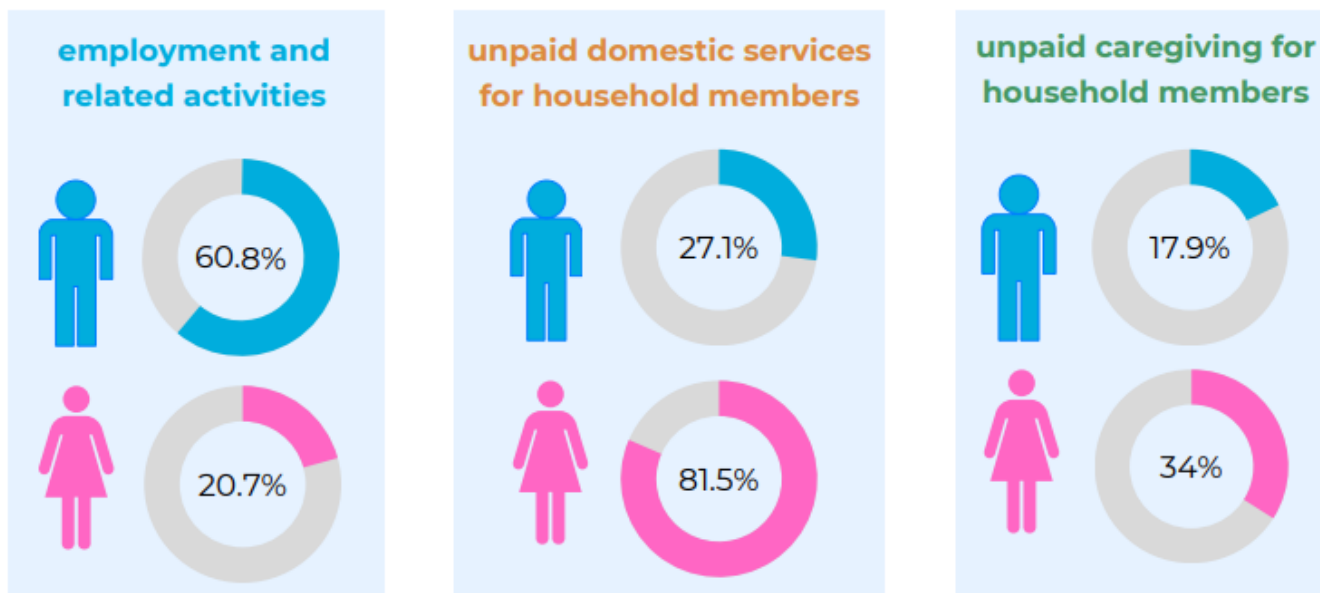
- The survey highlights rising women's employment, greater male caregiving, and increased leisure time, signaling evolving gender roles in India.

Note: The **TUS** tracks time allocation across paid and unpaid activities, providing detailed insights into **various aspects of daily life**, unlike traditional surveys that focus on specific aspects of work.

- Conducted in India, Australia, Japan, Korea, the US, and China, it analyzes gender participation in work, caregiving, learning, and leisure.

What are the Key Findings of TUS 2024?

- **Employment Participation: 75% of males and 25% of females (aged 15-59 years)** participated in employment-related activities in **2024**, compared to **70.9% males and 21.8% females** in **2019**.
 - A reduction in time spent by women in [unpaid domestic work](#) (from **315 minutes/day in 2019 to 305 minutes/day** in 2024) indicates a shift from unpaid to paid activities.
 - **Urban women showed a higher rise in employment participation** compared to rural women, possibly due to better job opportunities, education, and support systems.
- **Caregiving: 41% of women** participated in [caregiving](#) compared to **21.4% of men** in the **15-59 age group**.
 - Women spent **140 minutes/day** on caregiving, compared to **74 minutes/day** by male, while caregiving remains female-dominated, **male participation has increased**.
 - Greater **paternal involvement** in child-rearing and elder care is emerging, influenced by changing gender roles and urbanization.
- **Cultural, Leisure and Education Activities:** People aged **6 years and above spent 11% of their daily time** on cultural, leisure, mass media, and sports in 2024, compared to **9.9% in 2019**.
 - **89.3% of children (6-14 years)** participated in learning activities, dedicating an average of **413 minutes/day** to education.
- **Household Production:** About 16.8% of the population participated in producing goods for their own final use.



National Statistics Office (NSO)

- **About:** The **NSO** serves as the **nodal agency for statistical development** in India, ensuring standardization, coordination, and dissemination of data.
 - NSO consists of the **Central Statistical Office (CSO)**, the Data Informatics & Innovation Division (DIID) and the **National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)**.
- **Functions:** NSO **compiles and releases the [Index of Industrial Production \(IIP\)](#)**, conducts the **[Annual Survey of Industries \(ASI\)](#)**, and provides **statistical insights on industrial growth and economic trends**.

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How does the Time Use Survey (TUS) 2024 reflect changing gender roles in India?

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